

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 2007. This response is accompanied by a request for a one month extension of time. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed.


The Examiner advised that the application contained three inventions namely invention I (represented by claims 1 - 26) which is drawn to a process for the production of methanol, classified in class 205, subclass 450; invention II (represented by claims 27 - 36) which is drawn to a process for the production of methanol, classified in class 518, subclass 703 and invention III (represented by claims 37 - 52) which is drawn to a process for the production of methanol, classified in class 205, subclass 450. The applicant hereby notifies the Examiner that it elects to proceed with invention I (namely claims 1 - 26) in this application. Accordingly, the applicant has cancelled claims 27 - 52 without prejudice. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application for the subject matter of claims 27 - 52.

In view of the foregoing, favourable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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